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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention. Applicant notes that all information cited in this document was cited during prosecution of the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/050,868, filed March 31, 1998, by either the Applicant or the Examiner:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-212706, published August 11, 1995, together with an English translation thereof.

U.S. Patent No. 5,034,804 to SASAKI et al., issued July 23, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,477,264 to SARBADHIKARI et al., issued December 19, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,542 to YAMAMOTO et al., issued July 27, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,211,974 to HANEDA, issued April 3, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 5,829,014 to HAYASHI, issued October 27, 1998;

U.S. patent No. 5,926,219 to SHIMIZU et al., issued July 20, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,515,698 to SASAKI et al.; issued February 4, 2003;

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/052,063, filed on March 31, 1998, since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,181,830 on January 30, 2001;

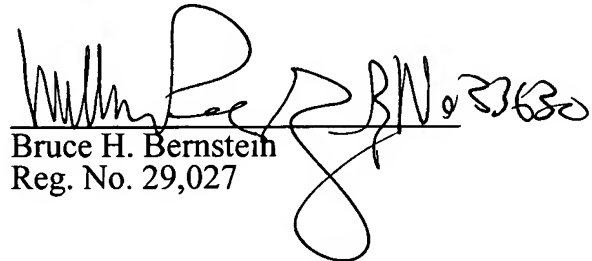
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Applicant notes that copies of documents cited herein, that were cited during prosecution of the parent application by either the Applicant or the Examiner, are not being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d)(1). However, copies of the new U.S. Patents previously cited as applications are attached hereto. Copies of all of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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